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# Winter wonderland for snow service providers

Silver lining. There's so much snow, vendors have had to bring in snow plows from other states.

Frankie Ippolito Jr. is one of the few Bostonians delighted with all these feet of back-MBTA-crippling, breaking, commute-complicating, school-canceling snow.

That's because his South End-based Ippolito Snow Services business is booming. For the last month, the business is nearing \$450,000 in sales. During a typical winter, he usually does closer to \$150,000.

"It's amazing," said the 43-year-old.

His crew of about 20 has been working in around-theclock shifts digging out 87 properties throughout eastern Massachusetts, including

Boston, Chelsea and Everett. They shovel sidewalks, clear high-end properties in the Back Bay from first flake to last and use a fleet of eight trucks to clear parking lots and driveways.

He said the demand for snow removal is so high, he's having contractors come in from Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania who own equipment to help with his jobs. There simply isn't enough Bobcats and snowplows in the state to handle everything.

"They have no snow where they live and they want to make money," Ippolito said.

The snow-removal business has been in his family for three generations. His father, the now deceased Frankie Sr., plowed during the blizzard of 1978. He was contracted by the city of Revere and kept the parking lot to Revere High School - which was being used as a shelter during that once-in-a-generation storm - open.

While many snow-re-

Crews clear off the roof of the Whiskey Priest bar in the Seaport District. Roads were clear in some parts of the city, while crews worked to clear them in other parts. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKS

## **Snowballing prices**

Following this latest storm, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said snow removal for this season was about \$30 million, far exceeding the \$18.5 million that had been allotted for the winter.

The city uses about 500 private contractors, but it was unclear how much of the estimated \$30 million went into their pockets; the mayor's office said the situation was fluid Tuesday and wouldn't

specify a range of hourly rates for such contractors, saying it differed from contract to contract. In Worcester, hourly rates for snow removal and road treatment equipment can top \$100 or \$200 per hour, said Owen Ruud, a contractor.

## By the numbers

The National Weather Service predicts a chance of snow, mainly after noon. It will be partly sunny, with a high near 23 degrees, with winds from the Northeast between 11 to 16 mph.

There is only a 30 percent chance of light snow during the day, but accumulation is expected later in the evening where another half inch is possible before midnight.

moval businesses double as construction or landscaping operations in the warmer months, Ippolito said his family doesn't "have any other business." He said the work typically attracts a lot of commercial fisherman and college students.

Recently, he said, the work has been typified by "complete and utter exhaustion."

He said he's been trying to have his crews work in shifts. He rented out a block of rooms at a hotel in Mass Ave for his workers because "I don't want guys wasting

time, so they just keep cycling in and out of the hotel."

He said the worst part of the job is disappointing a cus-

"Everyone wants to be first but it's not financially possible," he explained.

The best part?

"Doing the work is a lot of fun," he said. "I love it when the city's quiet late at night. It's quite beautiful in the



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# Olympic foes cite T's weather woes as reason to say no

## Boston bid.

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Opponents don't believe promises to fix the MBTA will come with games.

If a few feet of snow can bring Boston and its transit system to its knees for a few days, hundreds of thousands of tourists and athletes attending the 2024 Summer Olympics will leave the city gridlocked for weeks, says the leading opponent of the city's Olympic bid.

"The city has effectively been shut down because the T hasn't been able to do its job," said No Boston Olympics co-founder Christopher Dempsey. "And that is a very personal issue for people like me, who ride the T every day."

Monday's heavy snowfall prevented Dempsey, a former state Assistant Secretary of Transportation, from traveling through the city.

Supporters of a Boston Summer Olympic games in 2024 have brushed off concerns over the havoc the epic event could wreak on the city's transportation network suggesting that such a commitment would force local and state leaders to upgrade the infrastructure. But not all are so convinced.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh went on WEEI 93.7 radio Tuesday morning and argued that the Olympics in Boston would set a deadline for improvements to the constantly scrutinized MBTA.

"If we get an Olympics we have to upgrade the infra-structure of the T," said Walsh.



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Walsh pointed to the fact that the Games would be held during a more mild time of year.

"I know there is some criti-

"We've been having what we cism about the roads and how we handle snow," he said. "I'm hoping that in August of [2024] we don't have six feet of

> Boston 2024 did not return a request for comment as of deadline Tuesday.



Trial

## Hernandez trial resumes as fiancee granted immunity

Bristol County Superior Court Judge E. Susan Garsh reportedly granted immunity to the fiancee of former New

England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez, who is accused in the 2013 murder of Dorchester's Odin Lloyd.

The ruling allows Shayanna Jenkins to testify against Hernandez without incriminating herself, as she has pleaded not guilty to perjury for allegedly lying about whether she recalled details following Lloyd's death.

Hernandez's murder trial, which is being held in Fall River, was suspended on Monday and Tuesday due to the snow. It will resume Wednesday. METRO



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# The T creeps back into service following Monday's snowstorm

Bigger issue. The MBTA GM says weather troubles just show the need for improvement and funding.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority was expected to resume rail service on Wednesday following Monday's snowstorm that shut it down for more than 24 hours, keeping thousands of Bostonians from work and drawing the ire of residents and state officials.

The commuter rail system would operate on a modified weekday schedule, making approximately 70 percent of the trips regularly scheduled, the T said. The Green and Blue Lines will operate, but with fewer cars and less fre-



Wednesday, February 11, 2015

An MBTA Red Line train had to be evacuated Monday in Quincy.

## Quoted

## "There has to be significant investment and reinvestment in this system." scott

quent service. Service would also be restored on the Red and Orange Lines, but the level of that service was not clear by the time of this story's publication.

MBTA General Manager Beverly Scott didn't hold back during the Tuesday morning press conference, lambasting the lack of investment in the antiquated transit system. Scott told reporters that "there has to be significant investment and reinvestment in this system."

Scott said the agency has nearly 200 miles of tracks to clear of snow, and that crews have been working with "pick axes and shovels" to

get the job done. There were 50 disabled trains across the T on Monday, Scott said, and three instances in which people had to leave stalled trains.

Scott, who became general manager in December 2012, was defensive at times as she fielded questions about the T's response to the snow.

"This ain't this woman's first rodeo," she said at one point.

Buses are available "on an extremely limited basis," with various buses on snow routes, the T said.



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## State trooper delivers baby on Storrow Drive early Tuesday morning

A state trooper helped bring a new child into the world on Storrow Drive Tuesday morning.

Trooper Patrick Devin was flagged down around 2:40 a.m. near the Mass Ave. exit and told by the father of the child that a woman was about to give birth in his SUV. The father had pulled over and called 911 once it became clear that the birth was imminent.

Devin then helped deliver the baby. Once the baby boy was born, he told dispatch the baby was safe, then wrapped the newborn in a blanket.

Paramedics arrived soon thereafter, and the parents, both Revere residents whose identities have not yet been released, were taken to Beth Israel Hospital. DANNY MCDONALD





# No one can stop Craigslist, but Facebook will try again



Aesthetics. It's not easy to compete with Craigslist, it doesn't seem to care much about revenue or profit.

Facebook is adding a new way for people to sell things to friends and neighbors on the social network. The company said on Tuesday that it will start rolling out new features to Facebook Groups, allowing users to list and find products for sale and to set pickup or delivery locations.

The feature is new, but the strategy - to compete with Craigslist - is a redo for Facebook. The company launched Facebook Marketplace in 2007 for selling used goods and finding housing. Two years later, Facebook offloaded Marketplace to a third party called Oodle.

Mark Zuckerberg isn't

the only one in Silicon Valley with Craigslist envy. A decade ago, Google tried to meld classified ads with other crowdsourced content in a website called Google Base. The service never took off, and it now redirects to a site soliciting retailers to list on Google's shopping search engine. Along with the big companies, countless startups have set out to make prettier, more functional versions of Craigslist, only to fail.

There's a lot of talk in Silicon Valley about how important it is to have a user-friendly product with sleek design that's built with smartphones in mind. So how has Craigslist, arguably one of the ugliest sites on the Internet, survived?

The Craigslist network effect is simple and has nothing to do with design. Sellers keep posting stuff on Craigslist, so buyers keep checking it. BLOOMBERG

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# US hostage held by Islamic State is confirmed dead

## Secretary of State.

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John Kerry said that "ISIL, and ISIL alone, is the reason Kayla is gone."

President Barack Obama and the family of U.S. aid worker Kayla Mueller confirmed on Tuesday that the last-known American hostage held by Islamic State militants had died, with Obama promising to "find and bring to justice the terrorists who are responsible."

U.S. officials said the family received an email and photograph over the weekend from her captors that confirmed her death but said the circumstances in which she died remained unclear.

Islamic State said on Friday that Mueller was killed when Jordanian fighter jets bombed a building where she was being held outside Raqqa, a stronghold of the Islamist militant group.

Jordan and U.S. officials have expressed doubt about the account of her death offered by Islamic State.

Mueller's family said in a statement on Tuesday that they were "heartbroken" to learn of her death and released a copy of a letter she had written in 2014 while in

## Quoted

"No matter how long it takes, the United States will find and bring to justice the terrorists who are responsible for Kayla's captivity and death."

"ISIL is a hateful and abhorrent terrorist group whose actions stand in stark contrast to the spirit of people like Kayla."

President Obama, who last year ordered American air strikes targeting Islamic State positions, said in a statement

captivity.

"Over the weekend, the family received a private message from Kayla's ISIL captors containing additional information," White House National Security Council Bernadette spokeswoman Meehan said.

"Once this information was authenticated by the intelligence community, they concluded that Kayla was deceased," Meehan said.



## Mueller family

## Obama offers his condolences

Obama offered his condolences to Kayla Mueller's parents, Marsha and Carl, and her brother, Eric, saying "Kayla represents what is best about America."

"Kayla's compassion and dedication to assisting those in need shows us that even amongst unconscionable evil, the essential decency of humanity can live on," Obama said.

"Kayla was a compassionate and devoted humanitarian. She dedicated the whole of her young life to helping those in need of freedom, justice and peace," Kayla's family wrote in their statement on Tuesday. REUTERS

## Female activist



## Protester bares her opinion - and other things at trial

Police detain a topless Femen activist who jumped on the car carrying former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn (not seen) upon his arrival for his trial in Lille, northern France, on Feb. 10, 2015. Three topless women from the protest group Femen jumped on Kahn's car as he arrived to testify at his trial for "aggravated pimping." With slogans scrawled on their half-naked bodies and hurling insults at the car, the three protesters were quickly rounded up by police as the car entered an underground parking area. GETTY IMAGES

## Will Smith admits 'After Earth' was a 'failure'



Will Smith is surprisingly frank when it comes to the lack of success of his last big, attempted-blockbuster, "After Earth," which topped out at \$60 million at the US box office. "After the failure of 'After Earth,' a thing got broken in my mind. I was like, 'Oh wow, I'm still alive. Oh wow, actually I still am me even though the movie didn't open No. 1," Smith says. "All of those things in my mind - my entire 'Mr. July, Big Willy Weekend, No. 1, eight in a row!' — all of that thing got collapsed and I real-

ized I still was a good person." Well, that's super for him. Unfortunately, when it comes to what he took away from that experience, Smith starts to sound a tad bit cult-y. "I completely released the concept of goal orientation and got into path orientation," Smith continues. "It is a huge relief for me not to care whether or not [my next movie] 'Focus' is No. 1 or No. 10 at the box office." I'm going to go out on a limb here and guess his producers actually do care how the movie does, though.

## **Uma Thurman** illustrates the power of eye shadow

You might just have to take our word for it that you're looking at a photograph of "Kill Bill" star Uma Thurman, who hit the red carpet for NBC's "The Slap" looking nearly unrecognizable. Her minimal makeup look seems like a perfect opportunity to illustrate just how much of a difference eye shadow and eyeliner can make. Seriously, it's remarkable. Or maybe it's just the contrast

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from the very red lipstick and the nearly makeup-free eyes. Or the lack of distinctive bangs. Or the fact that she didn't really feel like smiling. Also, we do red carpet premieres for NBC miniseries now? Huh.



Spider-Man — but not Andrew Garfield — joining the Avengers

Good news for comic book movie fans, but not so much good news for "Amazing Spider-Man" star Andrew Garfield. Marvel has hashed out a deal to regain creative control of one of its highest-profile characters without the beleaguered Sony having to lose one of its two remaining bankable franchises — the other being Bond. According to a statement from Marvel, the new Spider-Man will pop up in a Marvel movie first before stepping out in his own film in July 2017. Unfortunately, when they say "the new Spider-Man," they're not kidding. "The Hollywood Reporter" claims that Garfield, the current Spidey star is not



# Did John Legend get busy at an Obama fundraiser?

Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign was really, really inspiring - and apparently a turn-on for John Legend and Chrissy Teigen. When pressed by "Extra" on the Grammys' red carpet about the best public place they've ever made whoopee, Teigen blurts out, "Probably the Obama thing." But when pressed for details, Legend clams up. "We're not talking about that. We're not going to discuss that," Legend insists. Teigen at least wants to make clear that it was "not at the White House," with her husband teasing that the dirty deed took place before Obama was elected. So, who wants to go back and check what campaign stops Legend appeared at in 2008?

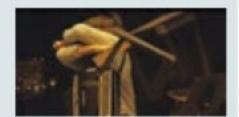


## Daily video

## Weird Algets Whiplashed

Weird Al Yankovic is taking the prep for his upcoming world tour very seriously. Maybe a little too seriously, according to this new College Humor video that pits Yankovic against Oscar nominee J.K. Simmons' terrorizing "Whiplash" music teacher. If you've always loved tense Oscar movie stand-offs and accordiondrenched polka, but never dreamed of blending the two together, this is your moment.







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## Drama

## 'An Unmarried Woman'

## **Netflix Instant**

Valentine's Day is for unhappy singles too, who are perhaps hiding indoors from doe-eyed couples. So who's up for a good divorce movie? Actually, Jill Clayburgh's Manhattan trophy wife does finally rebound after getting chucked by her crappy husband (Michael Murphy) in Paul Mazursky's 1978 hit. But there's a good hour of productive waffling, with our hero grouchily throwing herself back into a world of flings and therapy in a brave new world where divorce is no longer gauche. Granted, the deck is too stacked: Murphy is a cad from the start, and suitor Alan Bates' avantgarde painter is too dreamy. But it's really Clayburgh's

### Romance



## 'Blue is the Warmest Color'

## **Netflix Instant**

Its acrobatic sex scenes tend to get most of the attention, but let's not forget this functions even better as a break up movie. Covering a relationship from first bloom to bitter fallout, it's not about a love for the ages. For Adele Exarchopoulos' Adele, it's an earthquaking life-changer, but for Emma (Lea Seydoux) it's just another stepping stone. "Blue" nails the passion of first-stage romance.

## Action

## 'Kill Bill'

## **Netflix Instant**

Let's not forget: Quentin
Tarantino's two-part revenge
grinder isn't a mere pastiche
of the breadth of action
cinema. It's a movie about
a broken-up couple (Uma
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# Hathaway has 'something to prove'

## Interview.

The actress talks producing her first film, "Song One," and her favorite tune.

Anne Hathaway doesn't sing in "Song One," a music-themed drama in which she plays an anthropology student who falls for a soft-spoken troubadour (Johnny Flynn). But the Oscarwinning actress did produce it - her first such job, which she did with her husband, Adam Schulman. Not that working with her spouse proved uncomfortable.

### What was it like working so closely with your husband?

It was not difficult at all. He is very natural as a producer. He's very good at supporting everyone without needing the spotlight. He became everyone's ear and rock, or at least mine. Even at the beginning of our relationship, I was always

private, because I protect my work. Then I invited him into the process and started sharing everything with him. It was a sort of complete exploration of us as partners.

What was it about this project that so appealed to you?

I found it to be something universal. For me, the film captures something that sounds very New Age, like the power that music has to cure. It doesn't sound right to say it and that is why it is much better to explore it in film. I like stories about second chances. This



has a lot of singer/songwriter music. What do you

listen to? Jenny Lewis. She has a song called "A Better

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DIRECTOR TO HIRE ME," SAYS

ANNE HATHAWAY.

Son-Daughter," and it never fails to get me out of the deepest moments.

Is there a song you associate with a certain time of your

That's a question people have

been asking me lately, and I wasn't able to answer until now. The song is "Say Yes" by Elliott Smith. That's the song I built my entire performance

on for "Rachel Getting Mar-

when I hear it.

ried." And my heart still stops

The future

## What's next for Anne

Despite her Oscar, Hathaway doesn't rest on her laurels. "I have never lost the feeling that I have something to prove," she tells us. "I always assume that each film is the last and I'm assuming I have to go out and convince each director to hire me. I still accept auditions. I have never felt that I made it.

"On the other hand, I'm happy not to be that girl who is terrorized with interviews and always trying to impress without honoring her own personality [anymore], because I had no idea who I really was."

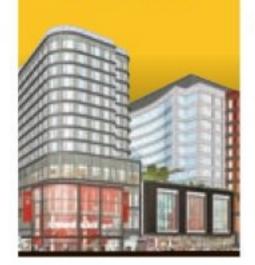
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Market watch

The thriving Fenway neighborhood is getting another set of high-end condos. Opening in May, the Van Ness building will take up a full city block and offer residential, commercial and retail space. The building has LEED Gold certification, the secondhighest possible rating of a rooftop lounge with grill, fitness center and 24-hour snowy times: The building has 500 parking spaces.





Flowers. Why you

should pick up your V-Day bouquet from the cute local florist.

Valentine's Day is here. And while it may be easier to order flowers using megacompanies like 1-800-Flowers, it's time to consider the hipper and more sustainable

alternative: buying local.

"I love roses as much as the next woman, but I've realized that most roses sold at Valentine's Day — in fact, 98 percent of them are out of season, imported and therefore are anything sustainable," Debra Prinzing, founder of Slowflowers.com, an online directory helping users find florists — including supermarkets - that stock

domestically grown flowers.

Stewart, Jessica Foxglove Floral Design Studio in Brooklyn, likes to use flowers that thrive in the winter for her arrangements, anemones, privets and ranunculus, hellebores.

"We just want to offer people a breath of fresh air and really allow our designs to be unique," she says.

Bess Wyrick, of Celadon

and Celery, located in NYC and L.A., says she only uses what she can get from growers in the area, regardless of which part of the country the client is in. The designer also offers remote consultations and sends her design plan to a customer's local florist.

"I'll bring flowers from Los Angeles to New York if I need to - at least it's still grown in the United States," she says.

But at the end of the day,

buying stems from your local florist ensures you'll be giving your Valentine something special.

"Your love is not cookiecutter, and you should be getting something unique for your love instead of something generic," says Stewart.

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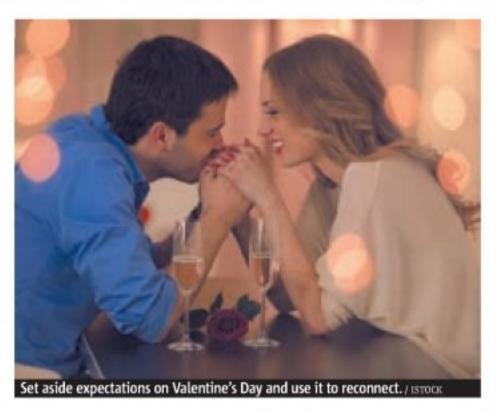
Ditch your "girly thoughts" and get real about love.

Love can be the many-splendored thing of poetry, but the notion of Valentine's Day is flawed to the point of actually sabotaging relationships.

"It's kind of a massive setup for having our self-worth dashed, because it's become too important and too narrow," says Dr. Patricia O'Gorman.

The price of those expectations is that "if it isn't right, we feel disappointed and unloved," she says.

Even following the Valentine's script is no guarantee of success: "I know women who get upset when they get their favorite box of chocolates because, 'Doesn't he appreciate that I've lost 10 pounds



and now I'm gonna gain it all back?'"

The clash of reality versus expectations doesn't stop and start with one day. In her new book, "The Girly Thoughts 10-Day Detox Plan," O'Gorman aims to wake women up to their "inner Mean Girls club."

"We, as women, internalize all this negativity around us," O'Gorman says. Those "lessons" – from society, pop culture, families and friends – emphasize where they fall short, even when there is plenty to celebrate: "Images of how we're supposed to act and how we're supposed to look are forever around us."

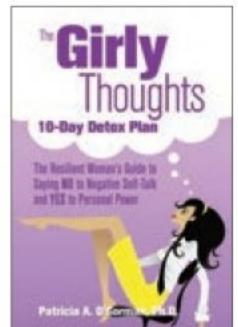
We asked O'Gorman to debunk some common girly thoughts keeping women from having better, happier relationships.

My soulmate is out there. "I'm still not sure what that is, but I'm pretty sure I've never met a couple who are soulmates," says O'Gorman. There are no cosmic, fated shortcuts to love. "It takes a lot of work to be with somebody."

## He should know what I need.

O'Gorman likes to turn this one around on her female clients. "I will ask the woman what she needs, and she's not sure! So that's asking a lot of somebody," O'Gorman notes.

I must satisfy him in bed. If your sex life is all about him, what will you eventually default into? "If you fake enough orgasms, you begin to lose interest in sex." If you want to satisfy your part-



ner, you need to know what "does it" for you. Figure out – or let him help you figure out – what that is, and find your way to his pleasure through you.

His anger is about me. Feelings remain in the realm of "not quite manly" for guys, which can be frustrating for him and you. Instead of admitting he's anxious, for instance, O'Gorman says a man "might get angry or distant, or he may challenge what you're doing. But that may not be because he doesn't care about you."

has distorted, in some ways, what it is that's realistic that we can get from another human being," says O'Gorman. Not knowing what's real can be disempowering and lead us to simply give up when we hit a bump.



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## H Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20

Taking charge will help you seal a deal or contract and promote monetary gain. Negotiations will work in your favor if you are bold and exude confidence. Nurture an important relationship.

## March 21-April 20

Government agencies, corporations or institutions will influence a decision you need to make. Invest in something you believe in that also has the potential to grow in value.

## Taurus | April 21-May 21

Your insights and determination will bring benefit to a joint venture. Give loved ones your undivided attention to nurture and encourage relationships.

## II Gemini | May 22-June 20

Put your best efforts into important tasks. Refuse to concern yourself with what others are doing. Having a backup plan will help you avoid being stranded if your first choice doesn't work.

## Gancer | June 21-July 22

Be resilient and embrace change. You can surpass your current position if you network, socialize, promote your ideas and plug along until you reach your destination.

## leo | July 23-Aug. 22

Check out a group or an activity that stimulates your interest. Real estate or investments can provide added income. Check your community for available properties or an investment.

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## △ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

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## M Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

It's time to get busy on a homeimprovement project or chores that you've left unfinished. A last-minute change will bring added benefits. Someone will see your value.

## Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Fight for your rights. Don't allow

critical remarks to throw you off track. Don't apply pressure tactics in order to try and win a battle. Instead, do your best.

## Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Learn from experience. Getting in touch with someone from your past will give you added insight. You have the ability to turn one of your ventures into a lucrative enterprise. EUGENIA LAST

### Letters to the editor

# Toys are symptom of larger disease of misogyny

Re: 'Toys for boys isn't a real travesty' (Feb. 9) One in five women in the United States have been sexually assaulted. Women are severely underrepresented in politics - only 20 women serve on the 100-person Senate. Women far too often face violent crimes including sex trafficking, rape, and domestic violence.

And transgender people face staggering rates of violence, attempted suicide, and poverty. All of these travesties are a part of a larger system of misogyny, a part of biases ingrained in our society that lead to very real and upsetting crimes. The gender bias in toys is a part of this system, a way that young children are taught to follow the misogynistic and heteronormative norms that permeate our society. Until we pay attention to the messages we're sending children about gender identity and gender roles, we have no hope of seeing gender equality in the United States.

The misogyny right in front of us is real, and we have a responsibility to stop it. JORDAN RUBENSTEIN, VIA EMAIL

## Second-class MBTA citizens

The MBTA has a pattern of turning Dorchester residents who ride the Ashmont train into second-class citizens every time there is an emergency on the public transit system. Ask any of us. I work with a woman who in her 60 years as a resident of this city has lived this truth. Yet

again last night [regarding an incident at South Station with no relief by bus for Ashmontbound passengers], strangers turned to strangers and spoke the truth as we live it: That our money and our safety is secondclass in public transit when an emergency happens on the MBTA. The MBTA is our Superdome. It is our Birmingham jail. DAVID ALAN REGO, VIA EMAIL

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### Sudoku: Easy and hard

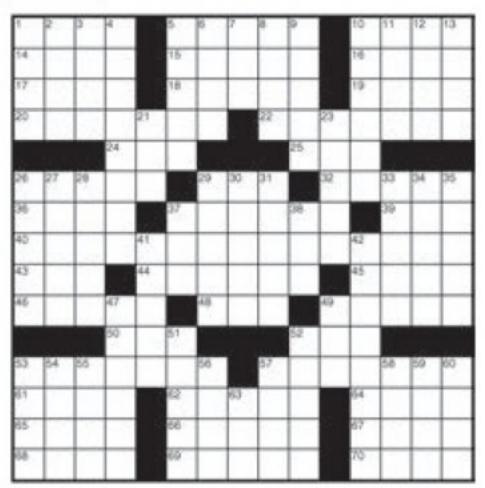
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- 22 Vivify

- 29 New Zealand parrot
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- 37 Solution
- 39 Earth, in combos

- 10 Clever remark
- 14 Qatar neighbor
- 17 It's often panned

- 25 Humor

- 36 Fallon's predecessor

- 43 Mouse alert
- 45 Operatic tune
- 48 NNW opposite

- 15 Bolt for a girder
- 16 Language of Pakistan
- 18 Gung-ho
- 19 Mellows
- 20 Leafier
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- 26 Eggs on

- 40 Indecisive (4 wds.)
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  - 64 Gratis
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  - 67 Horrible boss 68 Dispatch
  - 69 Returnable bottle
  - 70 Leeway

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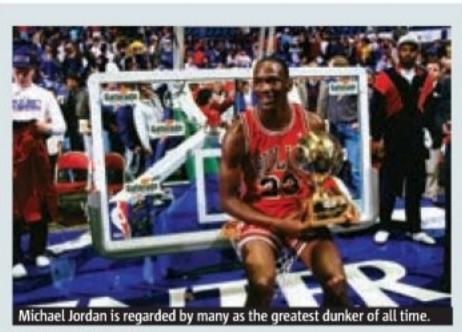
# Most underrated dunks

Metro looks back at the good old days from NBA Slam Dunk Contest's past with the five most underrated slams in the competition's storied history. EVAN MACY

The NBA Slam Dunk Contest used to be the highlight of an NBA season, a rite of passage for many of the most dynamic players in the league's history. Michael Jordan participated. So did Clyde Drexler, Vince Carter, Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady. And in the ABA, Dr. J and George Gervin put their kicks to the hardwood in the inaugural event in 1976.

This year, the "star power" will be provided by Minnesota's Zach LaVine, Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo, Orlando's Victor Oladipo and Brooklyn's Mason Plumlee.

Take a little encouragement from this year's upcoming event — airing Saturday night on TNT — as it returns to the 'old school' rules and scoring of yesteryear. Also take a look at Metro's most underrated contest dunks of all time:



## Michael Jordan (1987)

Everyone remember's Jordan's seemingly effortless and never-ending flight to the bucket from the free throw line during his first of two back-to-back contest wins in the '80s, but many overlook another incredible slam from His Airness that year. Jordan took off from the baseline, floated under the basket while narrowly avoiding a collision with the rim to finish the dunk on the other side of the hoop.

This unsung dunk contest

hero participated in three straight contests from

1985-1987, never finishing higher than third. He

had the unfortunate task

of trying to out-dunk Mi-

chael Jordan, Dominique Wilkins and Spud Webb

in those All-Star breaks.

360-dunk that saw him

glide through the air with

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## Larry Johnson (1992)

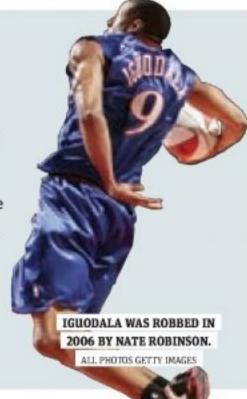
Grandmama had one crack at the dunk contest and dominated in 1992 with 98s in the first and second rounds before losing steam to Cedric Ceballos in the final round. His failure to seal the deal makes him overlooked by dunk historians, but his thunderous 180-degree power dunk that saw him bring the ball all the way down to his knees capped an impressive performance. Ceballos won that year's dunk contest after completing a dunk with a blindfold. That dunk was a take-off of the previous year's winner, Dee Brown, who masked his eyes with his forearm while dunking.

## Terence Stansbury (1987) Andre Iguodala (2006)

The then-Philadelphia 76ers star was absolutely robbed in 2006 by the smaller and untiringly-persistent Nate Robinson (who needed enough re-dos to put the crowd to sleep). Iguodala gave himself an alley-oop before passing the ball to himself behind his back en route to a thunderous slam. He would finish an undeserving runner up in that contest, his last as a competitor. Atlanta's Josh Smith also appeared in this forgettable affair.

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## NBA power rankings | by James Toscano





Hawks (43-10)

The entire starting unit won "Player of the Month" for January. They're the ultimate T-E-A-M.

## No. 2

Warriors (41-9)



The Warriors are outscoring opponents by a staggering 11.2 points per game. That is far and away tops in the NBA.

## No.3

Grizzlies (38-13)



The Grizzlies have the secondbest record in the West but just one All-Star? FYI, Jeff Green has been a great add.

## No. 4

Blazers (35-17)

It took an infection to stop Blake Griffin, but Damian Lillard is going to the All-Star game in New York.

## No. 5

Raptors (35-17)



The rough patch appears to finally be behind the Raptors. The Raps have gone 8-2 since Dec. 30.

### No. 6

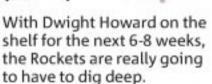
Spurs (33-19)



Congrats go to Gregg Popovich on his 1,000th win. Truly one of the best coaches in the history of sports.

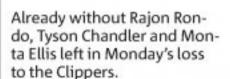
## No. 7

Rockets (35-16)



## No. 8

## Mavericks (35-19)



## No. 9

## Cavaliers (32-21)

After LeBron James' return, the Cavaliers are clearly a much better team. That said, there's still some drama.

## No. 10

## Suns (26-16)



With the injury bug hitting the Mavs and Clippers, this is a golden chance for the Suns to creep up the standings.

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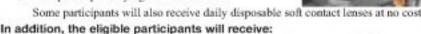
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Int 36 lbgcs,hiro	e Boes, Bogs, Totes, Misc.		Scoon, Eugs, Totas, Misc.
Init 256 Spiers, Gold	her Bores, Eugs, Totes, Misc.	Int. 422 Soyan, Ryina	Boxes, Bags, Totas, Misc.
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Unit .	A1036	Rodrigues, Nancy	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Unit	A1055	Jacques, Kenneth	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Delt	A1083	Alves, Fernanda	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Delt	A1088	Hunte, Zachary	Boxes, Bags, Toles, Misc.
Unit	A1090	Clarke, Shaws	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Onit	A1101	Exgene, Shifter	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Metalli Shell She Shell Shell Shell Shell Shell Shell Shell Shell Shell	A1159	Dawkins, John	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Delt	A1166	Ford, Leona	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
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Chilt	A1186	Odormell, Michael	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Shift Shift	A1204	Ayuk, Nathaniel	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
DWIT	A1228	Yoth, Leuri	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Delt	A2004	Teixeira, Marco	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Unit	A2010	Yeast, Mina	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
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Unit	A2151	Hall, Charles	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Ded	A2171	Trigueros, Carlos	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Unit	A2201	Papa Jr, Richard	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Unit	A2239	Smith, Mark	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Onit	A2245	Carmeron, Denise.	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Unit	A2276	Zapata, Angela	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Unit	A2282	Chu, Stanley	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Delt	A2304	Halloran, Jennifer	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Delt	A2308	Taira, Delsoke	Boxes, Bags, Toles, Misc.
Dealt	A2318	Pierre, Markendy	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
DWI	A2353	Williams, Oliver	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
Delt	A2354	Dutra, Wilson	Boxes, Bags, Totes, Misc.
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